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Assistant Director for Operations

8 November 1955

Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- October 1955

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 31 October was [REDACTED]

2. The Inspector-General completed its survey of the Division on 25 October.

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3. [REDACTED] participated in a training film prepared by OTR.

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4. [REDACTED] received an award of \$25 for a meritorious suggestion concerning the handling of graphics material.

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5. On 5 October a Russian Familiarization Course under Mrs. [REDACTED] OTR was started for ten FDD clerical personnel. Three FDD analysts began full-time FDD training in Russian under [REDACTED] on 13 October.

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6. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Clandestine Services Review Course No. 8 on 4 October.

OPERATIONS

1. The 56th and 57th meetings of the Exploitation Subcommittees were held on 7 and 21 October, respectively and were concerned with a review of the programs on the USSR and the East European Satellites. It was agreed that final decisions on the program of any one area would be postponed until all areas had been reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 November.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 33 cases of duplication totaling 1187 pages.

3. The highly important "First Five-Year Plan of People's Republic of China," was translated and prepared for publication as FDD Translation No. 478 in the record time of eight days. Printing Services Division, OL, reproduced and disseminated the report within one week.

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4. In cooperation with Liaison Division, OCB, FID suggested the unclassified dissemination of 1,000 copies of the "Communist Perspective." Dissemination was carried out through the External Research Staff, Department of State, and OO/C.

5. Arrangements were made with Printing Services Division, OL, on approval of DCI, DD/I, and DD/S, for publication by CIA of the Academy of Sciences USSR textbook "Political Economy" prepared by FID.

6. The Far East Branch is cooperating with Services Division, ORR, on a special UN project on the culture and smuggling of opium.

7. Arrangements have been made to increase Record Center's deposit of each FID cover publication from 12 to 25 copies.

8. Beginning with the November issue, the FID scheduled report, "Survey of Scientific and Technical Dissertations Defended at USSR Higher Technical Institutions" will be prepared via contract facilities and published in the Translation series.

9. Commendations:

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From AD/RR, for the speed and thoroughness exhibited in the issuing of FID Translation No. 478, "First Five-Year Plan of People's Republic of China." [REDACTED] Far East Branch and [REDACTED] Reports Branch are named as deserving commendation for the preparation of this report.

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From Acting Chief, HQM/OIS, for expeditious preparation of a CES subject survey on Soviet Orbit border controls performed by the [REDACTED] and staff.

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Also, from Acting Chief, HQM/OIS, for the efforts of [REDACTED] in bringing up to date place-name and administrative changes in Bulgaria in connection with the preparation of a Bulgarian Gazette which will be issued before the end of 1955.

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Also from Acting Chief, HQM/OIS, for an analysis of available intelligence on Soviet economic operations in [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

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From Chief, Industrial Division, ORR, for articles on criticism of Chinese industrial production in the FDD scheduled report "Weekly Information Report on Communist China."

10. Liaison activities:

Department of the Army

With Signal Corps Intelligence Agency, Miss Harriet Karchmer, to discuss availability of certain Russian translations. Pertinent bibliographical listings were furnished Miss Karchmer via the CTS files.

With Strategic Intelligence School, Capt. Egbert Cost and Capt. C. O. Smith, to furnish materials needed for reports on Polish munitions manufacture and on Siberian river transportation.

Department of the Air Force

With Air Technical Intelligence Center, Lt. Col. E. L. Gardner and Maj. A. I. Ivanoff, to discuss FDD operations of interest to ATIC.

National Security Agency

25X1A Conferences were held with two groups to discuss FDD's 25X1A program in relation to NSA requirements. Participating were 1

11. Special services rendered:

25X1A DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, [REDACTED] is assisting two days 25X1A per week on an analysis of Soviet economic operations [REDACTED]

25X1A Also for RQM/OIS, [REDACTED] rendered linguistic assistance in the preparation of a Spanish "Glossary of Intelligence Terms."

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For TSS, [REDACTED] translated Amharic-language material on a special project.

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25X1A For Near East/Africa Division, [REDACTED] performed rapid translation of special Persian maps.

OTR -- [REDACTED] conducted six 2-hour classes in French pronunciation.

NEF -- Evaluated a proposed Russian-English Technical Dictionary.

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25X1A². Significant Reports:

[REDACTED]

FDD Translation No. 478 -- First Five-Year Plan of People's Republic of China [REDACTED] gives overall perspective on and basis for re-evaluation of economy of Communist China). 25X1A

FDD Summary No. 702 -- Weekly Economic Information Report on Eastern Europe (article on acceleration of agricultural collectivization in Bulgaria indicates possible reduction or abolition of privately owned farm plots - p. 1).

FDD Reference Aid No. 45 -- Information on Make Up and Personnel of Rumanian Government Agencies and Other Organizations (represents collection effort of over 5-year span from more than 40 sources).

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FDD Summary No. 664 -- A listing of chemical products manufactured in USSR as culled from press over a 9-year span.

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions

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